



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

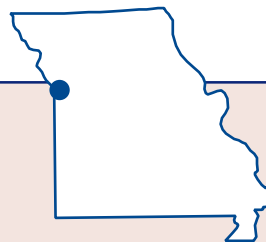
Kansas City, MO

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Kansas City (population 441,545) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The grant targets the Troost Corridor, an area that suffers from environmental blight from former gas stations, garages, auto salvage and sales lots, and vacant lots with illegally dumped waste near schools, playgrounds, and parks. Within the Troost Corridor, minorities make up 54 percent of the residents, compared to 17.3 percent for the city as a whole. The Troost community suffers from 22.1 percent poverty (compared to 8.5 percent for the city) and 5.1 percent unemployment. The concentration of brownfields properties in neighborhoods within the Troost Corridor, compared with the



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Kansas City for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental assessments along the Troost Corridor, an urban commercial and residential area believed to be contaminated by former commercial and light manufacturing operations, including drycleaners, printing businesses, and car repair shops. Petroleum grant funds will be used to assess contamination in the corridor from 19 known or suspected petroleum sites, including gas stations.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

rest of the city, raises significant environmental justice concerns. Kansas City is a federally designated Enhanced Enterprise Community.